



## Texas Adopt-A-Beach Program Fall Cleanup Set for September 25

The 24th Annual Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup will take place Saturday, September 25th at 28 sites along the Texas coast.

"Join us for a great time and a good cause: keeping Texas beaches beautiful," said Jerry Patterson, Texas Land Commissioner.


A total of 28 sites stretch from Beaumont to Brownsville. Volunteers can register at any of these sites, except for St. Jo Island, between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on September 25th and the cleanup will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers must pre-register for the St. Jo Island location, as reservations are required due to limited access.

Texans who are unable to attend the cleanup can help by making a tax-deductible donation online at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org). There are several different Adopt-A-Beach sponsorship levels ranging from \$25 to \$25,000, allowing both individuals and corporations to contribute to this major cleanup effort.

Each volunteer will be given data cards, gloves, pencils and trash bags. All volunteers are advised to wear closed-toe shoes and bring sunscreen and plenty of drinking water.

Since the Texas Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986, more than 397,000 volunteers have removed 7,700 tons of trash from Texas beaches. Twice each year, volunteers check in at sites along the coast to pick up trash. Volunteers record data on the trash to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas' 367 miles of coastline.

Statewide sponsors for the Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup are Shell Oil Company, HNTB Corporation, AT&T Pioneers, El Paso Corporation, KBR, LyondellBasell, Halliburton and the Ocean Conservancy.

To learn more about how you can get involved or for additional information on the Adopt-A-Beach program, please visit our website at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org) or call 1-877-TXCOAST. 

## Nearly 7,000 Volunteers Haul Off 131 Tons of Trash

A total of 6,790 volunteers picked up more than 131 tons of trash from Texas beaches Saturday, April 24th at the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup.

All along the Texas coast, volunteers spent the morning combing the beaches for trash. Most of it consisted of typical items left by beachgoers: cigarette butts, soda cans, beer bottles, beach toys and tires. This mix of trash has changed over the years that Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have walked the beaches. Among the more interesting items volunteers found were a \$20 dollar bill, shotgun shells, a hydraulic jack, a refrigerator, a load of ceramic tiles, a chicken foot, silly string, a milk carton from China, a bottle from Japan, an artificial Christmas tree, a bathtub and a kitchen sink.

When the program started in 1986, the bulk of trash on Texas beaches came from ships at sea. Since then, data collected by Adopt-A-Beach volunteers has helped to pass an international shipping

treaty that bans such sloppy practices and requires all oceangoing vessels to dispose of their trash responsibly while in port.

"It was a beautiful day at the beach; I'm not surprised by the strong turnout at all," said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office. "Texans are always willing to lend a hand for a good cause."

The success of the Adopt-A-Beach program is made possible by the generous efforts of dedicated volunteers and the strong support of community leaders and sponsors across the state.



# Spring Cleanup Leaves Texas Looking Great

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Statewide coastal cleanups are held every spring and fall. Apache Corporation was the lead sponsor for the 2010 Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup. KBR and the Newfield Foundation have also made substantial donations toward the effort. Other friends of the 2010 Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup included AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry LLC, ExxonMobil, Flint Hills Resources Community Action Council, Halliburton,

Storm Water Solutions, Tetra Technologies and Keep Texas Beautiful. Thank you to each of our generous sponsors!

To learn more about items collected at the cleanup and for information on the health of the Texas coast, visit the Adopt-a-Beach program website at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org) or call the Texas General Land Office at 1-877-TXCOAST (1-877-892-6278).



## Beach Guardian Spotlight: The Gibson Family

The Adopt-A-Beach and Beach Guardian programs have been greatly helped by volunteers who keep Texas beaches clean all year. Among these volunteers are the Gibson family; Shawn, Alana, and their three boys. The Gibsons are Beach Guardians who've adopted a mile of coastline at Sunny Beach on Galveston Island. They clean "their" stretch of beach throughout the year, making it far easier to clean during the twice annual Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach cleanups.



The Gibson Family.

The Beach Guardian program is comprised of volunteers whose love of the Texas coast drives them to adopt a mile of beach. The Gibsons have been dedicated Beach Guardians for almost five years. Prior to that, Shawn joined the program as an outlet for community volunteerism through his employer. "It is an environmentally friendly cleanup that had no monetary requirements," Shawn said.

Over the years as Beach Guardians, Shawn and his family have even brought extended family members along, as well as children of church members and Boy Scouts. Shawn also has a few faithful colleagues from work who still take time to clean Sunny Beach.

"We take the time out to slow down, get a little fresh air and get the great feeling for giving back," Shawn said. "The feeling you get back when you volunteer is an amazing thing that will help heal your spirit. It is a feeling of pride and accomplishment and the spirit to give more of yourself to not only those you care for but for the people that you would never see in your life. It is something that I have shared with the boys and they are growing up with a love of the feeling."

The Gibsons have moved around the Houston Metro area a few times over the past years and now live about 90 miles from their adopted stretch of beach on Galveston Island. "We do not get down to the beach as often as we did before when we lived approximately 45 miles away, but we do make it down about 5 times a year. Galveston Island has a special place in our heart."

Schools, community groups and individuals are invited to join the Beach Guardian program. Beach Guardians adopt a mile of beach and make a commitment of three visits per year for litter cleanup and monitoring, however, school groups in grades K-12 can fulfill their obligation with a single cleanup. Students who participate in this yearly cleanup will receive an Adopt-A-Beach youth patch as well as an official certificate of adoption for their classroom's adopted mile of coastline. Supplies are available for participants. For additional information on the Beach Guardian program please visit [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org), or contact Kate Wong at 281.470.2666 or 1-877-TXCOAST.





## Texas Coastal Expo Draws a Crowd in Corpus Christi



A magnificent sand sculpture takes shape at the Coastal Expo.

**H**undreds of people turned out for the Texas General Land Office Coastal Expo at Corpus Christi's Texas State Aquarium on July 24. The free and family friendly event was designed to promote one of our state's most precious resources: Texas beaches and coastal areas.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said bringing children to the Coastal Expo "might just make a difference that will last a lifetime."



This young man has future surfing star written all over him.

Expo attendees had plenty of opportunities to learn about the Texas coast while having a great time, especially the children. Visitors had a chance to meet sea creatures up close and personal at one of three Creature Features at the expo, starring a variety of wildlife from the Texas State Aquarium.


Other activities included a surfing simulator, demonstrations of the effects of coastal erosion and the importance of a healthy dune system, touch tanks full of friendly sea creatures and fish printing.

Hugely popular were free, one-hour cruises in Corpus Christi Bay aboard the R/V Karma, a former shrimp boat turned floating classroom by the Texas Sea Grant College Program.

Patterson—the top elected steward of the Texas coast—said the long-term goal of the Texas Coastal Expo is nothing less than improving how Texans care for their coast.

"Simply put: The more Texans know about our coast, the more they'll work to protect it," he said.

The Texas Shrimp Association's Director, Les Hodgson, made a presentation about Texas shrimpers helping the Kemp's ridley sea turtle come back from near extinction. In addition, Dr. Gary Jeffress, director of the Conrad Blucher Institute for Surveying and Science at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, gave a presentation about the Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network.

In addition to learning about the coastal environment, Expo attendees learned about future renewable energy production on the Texas coast, such as wind, geothermal and solar power, and AEP Texas explained how Texas Smart Meters will help conserve that power. 



Not for the squeamish.

## Thank You to our Coastal Expo Sponsors

Sponsors for the Texas Coastal Expo included AEP Texas, Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program, NuStar Energy, K99-FM, KSAB 99.9 Tejaso, 1360 AM Newstalk KKTXX, The University of Texas Marine Science Institute-MANERR, Texas Shrimp Association, City of Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department, H-E-B, Taylor Engineering, Inc., America's Wetland Foundation, American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, the Coast and Harbor Engineering, HNTB, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Sea Grant, and Blackbeard's Restaurant.



## Art Contest Grand Prize Winner Announced

**L**ilibeth Herrera won the grand prize in the Texas General Land Office's 2010 Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest. Along with Lilibeth, a total of 40 students from across Texas also received top honors for their love for the Texas coast.

Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, selected Lilibeth's artwork from 5,665 entries. "Lilibeth kept it simple, executed well and made the point clearly," Patterson said. "Lilibeth's art puts viewers eye-to-eye with a crab standing near a red, plastic cup half buried in the sand, as if the crab is saying, 'Trashing Texas Beaches isn't cool.'"



The winning artwork.

Patterson said he's not surprised the winning artwork came from Francisco Garza's sixth-grade art class at Senator Eddie A. Lucio Jr. Middle School in Brownsville. "Over the past seven years of judging this contest, I've noticed Mr. Garza's classes consistently turn in some of the strongest artwork year after year," Patterson said.

Lilibeth's sixth-grade teacher, Francisco Garza, was thrilled to hear that Lilibeth's drawing had been selected as the grand prize winner. "Lilibeth worked really hard on a very simple yet very direct design and idea," he said. "She was very careful in trying to select just the right colors and she did the drawing about three or four times until she felt it was just right."

"Lilibeth is a quiet, polite and very smart girl. Both her parents and everyone at Lucio Middle School are extremely proud of Lili and her accomplishment."

Francisco Garza has been teaching art for 21 years and 11 of those have been at Senator Eddie A. Lucio Jr. Middle School.

Lilibeth's art will be featured on the cover of the 2011 Texas General Land Office's Children's Art Contest calendar. The calendar highlights a new winner's art each month, and will be available in December.

Also, as the grand prize winner, Lilibeth received two round-trip tickets from Continental Airlines to any destination in the 48 contiguous United States, a seven-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and a one-year membership for two at the Texas



Francisco Garza  
 and Lilibeth Herrera.

State Aquarium in Corpus Christi. Francisco Garza, Lilibeth's art teacher, also received two round-trip tickets from Continental Airlines and a seven-night Caribbean Cruise from Royal Caribbean. Also, Lilibeth's entire sixth-grade class was treated to a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark at South Padre Island.

The judges picked 10 winners from each of the following grade categories: kindergarten, first and second grade; third and fourth grade; and fifth and sixth grade. Lilibeth's grand prize entry was selected from the group of finalists.

All 40 finalists received a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark, prizes and a certificate of recognition from Commissioner Patterson, as well as a calendar displaying the winning artwork.

The 2010 contest sponsors were Continental Airlines, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Schlitterbahn Waterparks and the Texas State Aquarium.

The winning artwork from each of the 40 finalists can be seen on the Adopt-A-Beach website under the Children's Art Contest portion at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org). The contest began in 1996 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Beach program. The annual competition encourages Texas students to learn more about the Texas coast and express what they have learned through their art.

Information related to the 2011 Children's Art Contest will be posted to the Adopt-A-Beach website in November and entries will be due on March 1, 2011. If you would like more information regarding the "Treasures of the Texas Coast" Children's Art Contest, please contact Kate Wong at [281.470.2666](tel:281.470.2666) or at [katherine.wong@glo.state.tx.us](mailto:katherine.wong@glo.state.tx.us). You may also visit our website at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org).







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## Show Your Pride in Texas Beaches

**L**ooking for a way to stand out in a crowd? Make a statement with an Adopt-A-Beach license plate.

Supporting the Texas coast is now possible year-round by going online to purchase the official Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach specialty license plate ([www.texasonline.com](http://www.texasonline.com)). Orders can also be taken at your local tax office website. Processing takes two to three weeks, and your plates will be mailed to your local county tax office for you to pick up with a valid vehicle inventory number (VIN).

Each license plate costs \$30 (in addition to regular vehicle fees), with \$22 used by the state to support the Texas coastline. The Adopt-A-Beach program uses the money to reduce litter on Texas beaches and provide coastal environmental education to our youth. In addition, the cost of purchasing the plate is tax-deductible.

Don't wait until your registration expires. All currently registered vehicles can be updated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to correspond with the expiration date of the new Adopt-A-Beach plate. Just bought a new or used car? No problem. License plates are easily transfer-



able, as long as a corrected vehicle registration form is obtained and filed at your local county tax office.

Personalized plates are also available for an extra \$40. To personalize your Adopt-A-Beach plate, go to [www.texasonline.com](http://www.texasonline.com), check out TxDOT guidelines and choose a message of five spaces or less. You may also download and submit the required form by mail. TxDOT will review each request to ensure you don't duplicate another registered plate.

For more information about our Adopt-A-Beach license plates, visit [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org) or contact the Texas Adopt-A-Beach program at 1.877.TXCOAST or by e-mail at [beach@glo.state.tx.us](mailto:beach@glo.state.tx.us) to reserve your plate today. You can personally help turn the tide against trash with the purchase of a colorful Adopt-A-Beach specialty license plate. 🌊

## Oiled Wildlife Response Training

**T**he Texas Gulf Coast supports large concentrations of birds, including an abundance of nesting waterfowl, shorebirds and water birds. Wildlife rehabilitator groups have been organized to meet the increasing need for wildlife assistance in the coastal areas. Each year, thousands of injured, ill or orphaned wild birds and mammals are received by licensed rehabilitator groups in Texas.

Members of the Texas General Land Office Oil Spill division train to assist animals that become "oiled" due to spills. Texas General Land Office Oil Spill staff members are certified after taking an Oiled Wildlife Response Workshop, which covers topics such as the effects of oil on wildlife, initial intake and exam of oiled wildlife, an introduction to OSHA training, wildlife rehabilitation's role in the overall response to oil spills, and hands-on cleaning of oiled feathers and handling of various birds.

The Land Office has maintained a wildlife rehabilitation trailer since the mid-1990s. It has been used at Wildlife Rehabilitation Workshops held by rehab organizations and can be called out on responses by



A wood duck being cleaned.

either the rehabilitation organizations or responsible parties. Until 2008, the rehabilitation trailer was housed at the Land Office's La Porte field office and deployed wherever it was needed. In 2008, CITGO Refinery, Corpus Christi, donated a rehabilitation trailer to the Land Office's Corpus Christi field office. The donation came at the perfect time. There had not been an oil spill involving wildlife on the Texas coast since 2006; then came the summer of

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WR&E group cleaning an oiled cormorant in the GLO's Feathered Animal Rehabilitation Trailer.

2009 and things changed. From July 2009 to February 2010 there have been five oil spills with 32 individual animals being impacted and 19 successfully rehabilitated.

The effect of spilled oil on wildlife has long been a concern. Many hours have been spent nationwide planning ways to prevent oil from impacting nesting, roosting and feeding grounds for wildlife.

Inevitably, oil will come into contact with wildlife. Hopefully, all the hours spent planning will be put to use and work flawlessly. But as the saying goes, "If you've been on one oil spill, you've been on one oil spill." They're as different and unpredictable as the people who gather to respond and the birds that flock to check out the glassy smooth water.

Oiled wildlife became a national issue 20 years ago when the federal government passed the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. This act prompted coastal states to take an aggressive stance on the oil pollution issue, giving rise to many Oil Spill Prevention and Response Acts (OSPPRA). Although these acts gave state and federal governments the legislation they needed to protect the natural resources of the United States, they were not the beginning of oiled wildlife response.

There are different stories on how companies started to respond to oiled wildlife, from a 900,000-gallon crude oil spill in San Francisco Bay and a tanker running aground in the Delaware River, to the Coast Guard and oil industry reaching out to area wildlife rehabilitators in Tampa Bay, Florida.

In Texas, the first documented oiled wildlife response was in 1984 in Galveston, where 13 birds were impacted and nine were successfully rehabilitated. This response was the

start of a company known as Wildlife Response and Education, Inc. (WR&E). WR&E has been responsible not only for responding to spills, but also training responders, facility employees, potential volunteers, and running their full-time wildlife rehabilitation center. Since 1994, WR&E has responded to 21 spills on the Texas coast. It has also responded to multiple spills inland, and out-of state. In total, 214 wild creatures have been cared for with 171 of them being released back into the wild, for an astounding 80 percent release rate.

For 11 years, WR&E has conducted Oiled Wildlife Rehabilitation workshops with funding from the Texas General Land Office and WR&E's many partners. The workshops provide valuable training to industry representatives, state and federal responders and potential volunteers who can be put to work during an oil spill. Hundreds of people have attended these workshops over the 11 years they've been held.

In 2006 a new company was formed out of WR&E's successful staff. Wildlife Response Services (WRS) began responding to oil spills in 2007. They've responded to three spills that had wildlife impacts, caring for a total of 25 animals, seven of which had already perished upon arrival of response crews. WRS holds two workshops a year, largely funded by the Land Office.

Recent success in saving oiled birds and animals proves those in the wildlife response industry are as ready as ever, with more resources to bring to the table. The more trained wildlife responders available for the Texas coast, the better prepared the state will be to handle any situation that arises.



A wood duck about to be released.





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## Calhoun County Coordinator Rhonda Cummins



Rhonda Cummins.

The success of the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program would be impossible without Site Coordinators like Rhonda Cummins.

Rhonda has been the Site Coordinator for the Magnolia Beach/Indianola area in Calhoun County since 2008. She

has an extensive background in secondary education, having taught mathematics at Texas high schools and middle schools for more than 10 years. She also holds a master's license to operate 200-ton passenger vessels (U.S. Coast Guard Master 200 Ton License) under motor, steam and sail and is a licensed Able-Bodied Seaman. Cummins served as an education officer, purser, able seaman and chief mate aboard several different sailing vessels on the Pacific and Great Lakes, giving dockside tours, teaching about 18th century merchant ships and sailing, and conducting educational field trips at the various ports of call. She also was the captain of the Galveston Historical Foundation's 81-passenger tour vessel, conducting educational and historical tours of Galveston Harbor for school groups and the general public.

works for Texas Sea Grant as an extension agent based out of Calhoun County and her focus is on coastal and marine resources. The Texas Sea Grant College Program is dedicated to the understanding, wise use and stewardship of the state's coastal and marine resources. The program is located at Texas A&M University and is part of the College of Geosciences. Texas Sea Grant focuses on three primary, interconnected activities: research, outreach and education.


The Texas Sea Grant Extension Program is supported by Sea Grant in cooperation with the Texas Agrilife Extension Service, Texas A&M University and commissioners courts in several coastal Texas counties. The program has six county agents serving the needs of seven coastal counties, as well as seven specialists in aquaculture, marine business management, environmental quality, coastal community development, marine fisheries, marine education, and seafood quality, marketing and economics.

Rhonda, who has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from East Texas State University, is scheduled to receive her master's degree in Marine Resources Management from Texas A&M in May 2011. She

In Rhonda's free time she enjoys reading, fishing, scuba diving and sailing. "Sailing boats off the beach is great," says Rhonda. "I can walk for hours on the beach scouring the sand for treasures. I love the peacefulness of the Texas coast. Our beaches are not as crowded and many are almost undiscovered."

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Cleanups are an all-volunteer effort to remove trash from Texas' shores. The program's success is due to the hard work of volunteers and local site coordinators, such as Rhonda.

The 2010 Spring Adopt-A-Beach cleanup removed 131.9 tons of beach litter from more than 188 miles of Texas coast. Rhonda's area had 287 volunteers turn out to remove 4.2 tons of trash from Calhoun County beaches.

The Adopt-A-Beach program is privileged to have Rhonda Cummins as one of its Site Coordinators. Rhonda brings a wealth of knowledge to the program and is well versed in dealing with the public, which makes her a top-notch point of contact for volunteers. Thank you for all that you do, Rhonda. 



### Can't Attend the Cleanup? You Can Still Help!

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# Cleanup Sites and Local Coordinators

## **McFaddin Beach Jefferson County**

**Check-in:** McFaddin Beach entrance  
1.9 miles west of Sea Rim State Park  
on Hwy. 87  
**Contact:** Mark Guzman  
409-896-5555 ext. 135  
mark.guzman@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Chambers County**

**Check-in:** 1 mile east of the intersection  
of Highways 124 and 87 at the beach  
**Contact:** Lana Yawn  
409-267-2644 or 409-296-8250  
lana.yawn@texasadoptabeach.org  
Patti Kahla 409-267-1370  
or 409-267-2650  
Angela Hale 409-267-2647

## **Horsepen Bayou—Harris County**

**Check-in:** Clear Lake High School,  
2929 Bay Area Blvd.  
**Contact:** Andrew Schaafs 832-818-1381  
andrew.schaafs@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Bolivar Peninsula Galveston County**

**Check-in:** Crenshaw Elementary, 416 Hwy  
87, about 7 miles from the ferry landing  
**Contact:** Denise Parsons 409-795-1046  
denise.parsons@texasadoptabeach.org  
Janis Bridgers  
janis.bridgers@texasadoptabeach.org  
Mary Munro  
mary.munro@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Seabrook—Harris County (At banks of Clear Creek)**

**Check-in:** Hwy. 146 north side of Clear  
Creek under bridge on Seabrook city side  
**Contact:** Rex Ward 281-910-8774  
rex.ward@texasadoptabeach.org

## **The John M. O'Quinn I-45 Estuarial Corridor & Virginia Point Peninsula Preserve Galveston County**

**Check-in:** Exit 6 off I-45 at Reitan Point  
**Contact:** Evangeline Whorton  
979-234-2096 or 409-744-7431  
409-789-4996 (cell)  
evangeline.whorton@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Galveston Island Galveston County**

**Check-in:** Menard Park, 27th & Seawall  
Blvd.  
**Contact:** Gary Schero 409-762-3363  
gary.schero@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Surfside—Brazoria County**

**Check-in:** Stahlman Park, C.R. 257  
(Bluewater Hwy.)  
**Contact:** James Glover, Brazoria County  
Parks Department 979-864-1541 ext. 3  
james.glover@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Quintana, Bryan Beach Brazoria County**

**Check-in:** Quintana Beach County Park,  
5th St.  
**Contact:** James Glover, Brazoria County  
Parks Department 979-864-1541 ext. 3  
james.glover@texasadoptabeach.org  
Patty Brinkmeyer  
patty.brinkmeyer@texasadoptabeach.org  
979-233-1461

## **Sargent Beach, Bay City Matagorda County**

**Check-in:** Sargent Beach entrance  
**Contact:** Lamar Brown  
Tony Pustejovsky 979-244-6144  
lamar.brown@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Matagorda Beach Matagorda County**

**Check-in:** Matagorda Jetty Park  
**Contact:** Peggy Stanley  
979-863-2920 or 979-216-6016 (cell)  
peggy.stanley@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Magnolia Beach/Indianola Calhoun County**

**Check-in:** Crabbin' Bridge  
**Contact:** Rhonda Cummins  
361-552-9747  
rhonda.cummins@texasadoptabeach.org

## **King Fisher Beach, Port O'Connor Calhoun County**

**Check-in:** Pavilion at King Fisher Beach  
**Contact:** Debbie Gayle  
361-552-3200 (daytime)  
361-983-4647 (evening)  
debbie.gayle@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Rockport—Aransas County**

**Check-in:** Rockport Beach Park  
beachfront pavilion  
**Contact:** Tom Staley  
361-729-2213, ext. 226  
tom.staley@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Austwell Pier—Refugio County**

**Check-in:** Austwell Pier  
**Contact:** Dwight Mutschler  
361-286-3762  
austwellredfish@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Aransas Pass/Redfish Bay Nueces County**

**Check-in:** Lighthouse Lakes Park, 4 miles  
east of Aransas Pass on Hwy. 361  
**Contact:** Richard Gonzales  
361-779-7351  
richard.gonzales@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Portland—San Patricio County**

**Check-in:** Sunset Lake Park, Hwy. 181  
**Contact:** Stacy Stork  
361-777-0461  
stacy.stork@texasadoptabeach.org

## **St. Jo Island/Port Aransas Nueces County**

**Check-in:** 8:00 a.m. – Fisherman's Wharf,  
900 Tarpon St.  
**Contact:** Deno Fabrie 361-749-0256  
deno.fabrie@texasadoptabeach.org

\*Limited access – reservations required

## **Port Aransas—Nueces County**

**Check-in:** Avenue G at the beach  
**Contact:** Deno Fabrie 361-749-0256  
deno.fabrie@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Mustang Island State Park Corpus Christi—Nueces County**

**Check-in:** 17047 State Hwy. 361  
**Contact:** Paul Eubank 361-749-5246  
paul.eubank@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Corpus Christi Beach Nueces County**

**Check-in:** Texas State Aquarium  
2710 North Shoreline Blvd.  
**Contact:** Kristin Ralls 361-881-1321  
kristin.ralls@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Cole Park (Kid's Place) Corpus Christi—Nueces County**

**Check-in:** 1526 Ocean Dr.  
**Contact:** Daiquiri Richard 361-855-2888  
daiquiri.richard@texasadoptabeach.org

## **North Padre Island, Corpus Christi—Kleberg County**

**Check-in:** Padre Balli Park Office,  
15820 Park Rd. 22  
**Contact:** Jim Needham—Surfrider  
Foundation 361-825-2708  
james.needham@texasadoptabeach.org  
Todd Dwyer 361-853-9877  
todd.dwyer@texasadoptabeach.org  
Ilene Jantz 361-563-4119

## **Padre Island National Seashore Kleberg County**

**Check-in:** Malaquite Visitor Center,  
20420 Park Road 22  
**Contact:** William "Buzz" Botts  
361-949-8068  
buzz.botts@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Baffin Bay, Riviera Kleberg County**

**Check-in:** Kaufer-Hubert Park, FM 628  
**Contact:** Susan Ivy 361-595-8591  
susan.ivy@texasadoptabeach.org

## **South Padre Island Cameron County Parks—Cameron County**

**Check-in:** Andy Bowie Park,  
Access Road #2, Highway 100  
**Contact:** Monica Vela 956-761-5494  
Clemente Valdez 956-761-3704  
monica.vela@texasadoptabeach.org

## **South Padre Island City Beaches Cameron County**

**Check-in:** Town Beach Access #3 at Gulf  
Blvd. & Palm Street  
**Contact:** Rob Nixon 956-433-1472  
rob.nixon@texasadoptabeach.org  
Ann Arendarczyk 956-772-1786  
ann.arendarczyk@texasadoptabeach.org

## **Boca Chica—Cameron County**

**Check-in:** End of Highway 4 at the beach  
**Contact:** Lucy Martinez Hilliard  
956-421-2039  
lucym.hilliard@texasadoptabeach.org





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